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FOR JUSTIN BLOOM, SCI; PASS TO DIRECTOR SSIE OF THE  
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

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TAGS: TECH, ENRG, TGEN

SUBJECT: SSIE'S ENERGY INFORMATION DATA COLLECTION  
EFFORTS

REF: A) STATE 177830 B) STATE 181302 C) STATE 184776

1. GOF OFFICIALS ARE ARRANGING A MEETING ON 8 OCTOBER  
1974, AT 0900 IN SALLE H110, DGRST, 35 RUE ST.  
DOMINIQUE, PARIS 7, TO PROVIDE REFTEL A VISITORS AN OP-  
PORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN SSIE'S PROPOSED ENERGY INFORMATION  
DATA COLLECTION EFFORTS TO SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF  
REFTEL B AGENCIES. DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL RESPON-  
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SES OF THESE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES, FOLLOW-UP DETAILED

DISCUSSIONS WITH EACH INTERESTED FRENCH AGENCY WILL BE SCHEDULED OVER THE PERIOD FROM THE AFTERNOON OF 8 OCTOBER THROUGH LATE AFTERNOON 10 OCTOBER.

2. IN ARRANGING THIS MEETING, SCIATT HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MFA, ON 21 AUGUST; THE DELEGATION DE L'ENERGIE ON 23 AUGUST; AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DGRST AND DELEGATION DE L'ENERGIE ON 30 AUGUST. THE DGRST IS THE CENTRAL CIVILIAN R & D COORDINATING AGENCY FOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. DELEGATION DE L'ENERGIE IS THE CENTRAL AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY POLICY. IN THE COURSE OF FREE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH THESE OFFICIALS, A NUMBER OF POINTS WERE RAISED THAT SSIE REPRESENTATIVES HERSEY AND LAKAMP MAY WISH TO BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS AT THE 8 OCTOBER MEETING. IN SUMMARY, THESE ARE:

A) IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT FRANCE DOES NOT HAVE AN EQUIVALENT TO THE SSIE ORGANIZATION, AND FURTHERMORE EACH AGENCY MAINTAINS ITS OWN SYSTEM FOR MONITORING ITS R & D ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE, SSIE WILL PROBABLY FIND IT IS NECESSARY TO ADAPT ITSELF TO THE SPECIFIC METHODS OF OPERATION OF EACH GOF AGENCY THAT IS INTERESTED IN COOPERATING.

B) CAN THE SSIE DEMONSTRATE OR EXPLAIN HOW IT WILL BE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE TO COLLECT AND ORDER ALL THE DATA DESIRED INTO FORMS USEFUL FOR FINDING PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO TWO COUNTRIES?

C) ACCORDING TO MFA REPRESENTATIVE STUYCK-TAILLANDIER, THE FOREIGN OFFICE POSES NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, BUT DEFERS TO EACH POTENTIALLY PARTICIPATING AGENCY TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHETHER OR NOT AND TO WHAT EXTENT IT WILL COOPERATE.

D) WHILE SOME OF THE REFTEL AGENCIES WILL PROBABLY BE WILLING TO REVEAL ALL OF THEIR NONCLASSIFIED R & D ENERGY ACTIVITIES, OTHERS MIGHT BE QUITE RELUCTANT, PARTICULARLY FOR PROJECTS HAVING CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL.

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E) BESIDES IDENTIFYING COOPERATION PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, WHAT OTHER BENEFITS CAN PARTICIPATING FRENCH AGENCIES EXPECT TO RECEIVE?

F) IF ALL THE DATA COLLECTED BY SSIE IS GOING TO BE EVENTUALLY AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WILLING TO PAY THE COST OF DATA RETRIEVAL, WHAT SPECIAL BENEFITS WILL BE DERIVED BY COUNTRIES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE CURRENTLY PROPOSED EFFORT?

G) HOW WILL THE PROPOSED SSIE EFFORT BE COMPATIBLE WITH ONGOING OECD ENERGY INFORMATION ACTIVITIES; MAY THERE BE AN OVERLAP?

H) DIFFERENT GOF AGENCIES HAVE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR EXCHANGES OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF R & D RELATED DATA. HOW WILL THESE AGREEMENTS BE UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE COMPATIBLE WITH THE SSIE-PROPOSED EFFORT?

3. ACTIONS REQUESTED:

A) PLEASE FORWARD US SOONEST BRIEF, PERHAPS FEW PAGES, DESCRIPTION OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND THE SSIE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO APPROPRIATE FRENCH OFFICIALS.

B) EXPERIENCE HERE HAS SHOWN THAT IT IS BEST TO USE FRENCH AS A WORKING LANGUAGE IN MEETINGS WITH A NUMBER OF FRENCH OFFICIALS ON COMPLEX ISSUES. THEREFORE. WHILE SCIATT WILL ACCOMPANY DR. HERSEY AND MR. LAKAMP DURING THE THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS, WE SUGGEST THAT A

PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETER BE ENGAGED. THE COST IS APPROXIMATELY 900F A DAY (ABOUT \$180). TO OBTAIN INTERPRETER SERVICES, EMBASSY REQUIRES APPROPRIATE FISCAL DATA SOONEST, AS LONG LEAD-TIMES ARE COMMON.  
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